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ADELAIDE TRIUMPHS!

— By Andrew Dettre, the only Sydney soccer writer
to see the final drama in Adelaide —

Last Sunday afternoon at the packed Hindmarsh Stadium, South Australian Premier Don Dunstan raised the Philips League shield high into the air and the crowd gave its multi-ethnic roar of approval.

With this gesture Dunstan clearly wanted to indicate that the shield belonged to the whole of South Australia, not just one of their splendid clubs.

And so the "impossible" has happened: Australia's club championship has gone to Adelaide when West Adelaide forced a drama-filled draw with their neighbours and eternal rivals, Adelaide City.

It was a close shave; with five minutes to go Westad were down 0-1 and looked beaten to the punch.

Had the score remained unchanged, the title would have gone to Hakoah again — on a goal difference for the second time.

But somehow poetic justice prevailed and the city, which has done more than any other in these past two years to make our national championship a success, has received its first reward.

A long lab by Boyle sailed over the defenders and Vic Bozanic volleyed home a shot past the advancing goalie.

West Adelaide's triumph almost belongs to the realm of fairy stories.

Abruptly abandoned by their coach John Margaritis midway through the season, the "Hindmarsh Rogues", as an Adelaide colleague described them, began to fight.

For two weeks coached by Neil McGachey, the players vowed to fight for each other to the end.

They were 11th after nine rounds and then started to gather in points with the diligence of a combine harvester: in round 20 they hit the front and stayed there.

So the team that has been

training all season under blinking street lights at Plympton High School's oval is the new champion of Australia.

Years ago we used to hear the distant claim that Adelaide soccer is as good as any in Australia.

Many of their international results against touring sides looked suspiciously good.

But the know-alls in Sydney and Melbourne brushed this off as the ravings of some ambitious, parochial provincials.

No longer. Last year it was the classical Adelaide City that captivated crowds in all States, this season it was the non-stop, aggressive, Argentine-styled West Adelaide that took the League by storm.

And, let's be fair about this: the title couldn't have gone to a more soccer-minded city.

Don Dunstan said at a little reception after the game that Adelaide is "the soccer capital of Australia". How can you argue with that?

The match, its presentation, the incredible atmosphere generated by the packed stadium and the post-game celebrations were all worth the trip to Adelaide with TAA.

Sydney visitors would have thought they were in Europe as the two rival camps, with their shredded paper, flags, banners, trumpets, drums and keen throats, provided a magnificent background to this drama.

Jim Adam, the quiet Scot, deserves much of the credit for his team's success.

Some critics, no doubt unkindly, claim that Adam's secret has been not to rock a sensitive boat.

Surely there is much more to West Adelaide's grandstand finish

which swept all before them.

Some Hakoah supporters — but not their sporting coach Gerry Chaldi — feel that Adelaide City might have "thrown" the point to keep the title in the city.

What complete nonsense. I have seldom seen Adelaide City fight more splendidly and play better.

After John Perin's stupendous goal John Nyskohus' low shot eluded the far post by inches — and that would have been 2-0 and curtains for West Adelaide.

Is that how you "throw" matches?

Pleasingly, Sydney also played a small but important part in this first class gala.

Peter Rampley gave a brilliant refereeing exhibition — as good as any I saw in the World Cup finals in Argentina.

Posterity may one day note that the final shift of soccer power from Sydney began with West Adelaide's title of 1978.

Melbourne and Newcastle may follow, then perhaps other cities while Sydney, this complacent, disorganised and disinterested giant, sits on its past laurels casting envious but lazy glances towards the upstarts.

The danger signs are there for all to see: the PSL can exist without Sydney teams.

Paris, Berlin, Rome, Prague and other major cities and capitals also play a minor part in their country's championship; the same fate will be Sydney's unless truly drastic steps are taken.

But that's another story. For the time being, one is inclined to applaud Adelaide's superb effort and greet them as worthy Australian champions.

Well done, West Adelaide.



West Adelaide star Peter Boyle showering in champagne after his team's PSL title win last week. On his right John Perin, the brilliant Adelaide City midfielder, offering his congratulations and having a drop of the bubbly himself.

SYDNEY TEAMS ON DANGEROUS MISSION

This week the drama continues with the first two semifinals in the Philips Top Four.

In Adelaide, West Adelaide, the brand new PSL champions, take on Hakoah, while in Melbourne South Melbourne face Marconi.

Hakoah will have a chance to prove their claim that they are Australia's best team — a purely subjective claim not borne out by facts.

Still, the Sydneysiders do play some steady and composed stuff and will certainly go close to dent West Adelaide's crown.

No doubt, another huge crowd will be at Hindmarsh; no doubt, they will once again get more than their money's worth.

In Melbourne another Sydney team, Marconi, will face South Melbourne.

Almost in a state of total decomposition, Marconi may try to salvage their eroded reputation by fighting their way into next week's final.

Already out of the Philips Cup, this could well be the last time Rale Rasie leads Marconi into battle.

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Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna

Eastern Creek (6th Div.) would like to congratulate reserve grade midfielder Ian Lockord and his wife on the birth of newly arrived baby boy, Jason. Eastern Creek consolidated their position as 6th Div. Premiers in their match against West Holroyd last Sunday. With 500 spectators, a very hard fought match was played to a 0-0 draw. The club's reserve grade will also be competing in the semi-finals next weekend.

Canley Heights (6th Div.) welcome home first grade midfielder Paul Neal after seven weeks' holiday in England. The club will be holding a social night at the Cabramatta Bowling Club for all members and friends next Saturday evening.

Liverpool United (7th Div.) will again be conducting the Liverpool Cup. Secretary Greenwood expects the competition to begin on Tuesday, November 7.

Sydney University (4th Div.) swept into the finals with a convincing win over Hurstville Zagreb. In a fast game the students displayed better combination with two brilliant goals coming from Billazon and Brett. Hurstville showed some classy touches, but excellent goalkeeping by Mackay kept them out. University expect this good win to boost their confidence for the semis.

Pagewood (6th Div.) will be on the lookout for a replacement for their first grade goalkeeper, Michael Vasin, as he leaves for Europe later this year. Secretary Vasin expects to sign up several new players in readiness for the '79 season.

Fairfield West (6th Div.) are planning their presentation night for October 7 at the Cabramatta Bowling Club. The club put on a Benefit Night for injured centre half Eddy Williams last week. Eddy has been off work for some time now with a back injury.

Eastwood (5th Div.) reserve graders have taken out the premiership title. It is worth noting that this side has qualified for the semifinals for the last four years and won the premiership twice. The club's "Best and Fairest" awards for the season went to Gary Simpson and reserve grader Evan Gladhill.

South Sydney District (7th Div.) have arranged an end of season trip to a Hunter Valley winery for members and friends on Saturday, September 9.

Padstow Park (4th Div.) reserve grade have also won their premiership with a 6-0 win over Fairfield Kiev. In the previous week's match against Sydney University first grade centre forward Geoffrey Bogg suffered a cut to his ankle which later required 15 stitches.

Bankstown Sports (7th Div.) have planned a trip to Goulburn for matches against Goulburn Workers in November. The club's picnic has been arranged for October 8, to be held at "Revesby Beach" in Georges River National Recreation Ground. Bankstown Sports players would like to thank their coach Bob Murphy for his time, efforts and encouragement during the season.

Baulkham Hills remain 4th Division Premiers despite their 1-0 loss to Greenwich last Sunday. Officials and players from both clubs enjoyed a social time afterwards at the clubhouse. The Hills played Hurstville Zagreb and came out the 4-1 winners. The match became very rough, with several Hills players injured and two Hurstville players sent from the field.

Chullara (7th Div.) coach Ed Stoddart disputes the claim from Edensor Park for the most senior player in Federation. Ed Stoddart celebrated his 46th birthday recently and still occasionally takes the field. Birthday wishes are due to striker Peter Lanohm for his 21st. Peter has scored 27 first grade goals this season and looks forward to increasing his tally.

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CLUB PATROL

Fourth division club ARTARMON had to wait until the very last match of the season to grab their first home victory. Last week they handed out a severe hiding to Ryde, defeating the visitors by 4-1.

The North Shore proper will have its first representative side for many a long year in the first division next year as KU-RING-GAI have won promotion after being clear winners of division two. Many years ago there was a North Shore side in the old association, while several sides have played at North Sydney Oval. Ku-ring-gai play at Parklands, on the upper North Shore area, but may seek a larger homeground for 1979.

Congratulations to CHRIS CASSETARI, the Manly goalkeeper, who turned 21 last week. Chris' birthday actually fell on the Thursday before the Marrickville match, but the party wasn't until Saturday after the match.

The TOONGABBIE Demons soccer club offer their congratula-

tions to Ku-ring-gai on winning promotion to the State league, and the Demons look forward to a continuation of the rivalry the two clubs have shared over the years. Both clubs have fought their way up from division four, and have at one stage or another been in the same division.

"We have a lot of travellers in the club" was RAUL BLANCO's aside after informing us that yet another Melita player has returned to the club from abroad. GARY COOK, a former first grader who played regularly last season and who has been touring the world this year, returned home recently and has started training with the club.

MANLY have finally installed a telephone at Cramer Park in the new, elevated press box. The new 'phone will make the pressman's job a lot easier from Cramer Park, a venue not particularly well loved in press circles; the alternate phone is half a mile up the road.

The rumor has it that a goalkeeper called GRAHAM PARKER scored a goal in a

fourth division match last week. In fact, the rumor is true, for Graham, first grade goalkeeper with Artamon, did score for his side, converting a penalty towards the end of the match with Ryde.

Interest in the Toongabbie club is running high over the plans for the new 'Gabbie stadium. The latest proposed addition is to have an enclosed elevated room built onto the top of the stand. The room would also have tinted glass, a luxury chair for every "special" member and refreshments laid on for these members.

RICHARD ALAGICH, the Manly coach who won national and international "notoriety" for his use of "atrocity" films to stir his players, is back with the club after a short spell out of the limelight. Richard was not only tracked by the Australian press, but also earned a story in the "London Times". He has been recovering over the past few weeks from an infected eye and a viral flu he caught at the time of the controversy. It is interesting to note that his return prompted the players to turn on a fine performance and down high flying Marrickville Olympic.

The powerful Manly third grade side, at present joint leaders of their competition with Sutherland, suffered a serious set-back to their championship aspirations when their captain DUDLEY FOX suffered a broken wrist. Dudley, a 17-year-old midfielder, is the heart of the team and his absence will be felt.

Melita's new FARRUGIA, RAYMOND, is still unable to play first grade for Melita until a transfer matter is cleared up with the NSW Federation. Since Raymond arrived here after the transfer "curfew" his case is being reviewed, for Melita claim negotiations were started before the closing date for transfers.

BOBBY MCPHERSON, who was picked to play for NSW before he was struck by injury, has shaken off his troubles and was back in the Melita line-up against Arncliffe on Sunday with another top performance.

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Farrugia of Melita

JOE FARRUGIA is back from Malta and training with the Melita first team squad. Joe played second grade last week after his five-week lay off from the game while visiting relatives, and it is possible that he could be in the seconds this week as well.

NEWLANDS PATARANGI, a second division New Zealand club, is to play several matches in Sydney. They play a game against Warringah Saints at Francis Park on Sept. 9 and again at Cramer Park on Sept. 13.

SUPER-KIDS

How is this for a record? Ashcroft's under-12 first division side has just reached the finals of the Champion of Champions' series — for the third year running.

In this period they have also won the 1976, 1977 and 1978 premierships AND grand finals — losing only one match (this year).

Coach Eddie Ciantar and manager Denis Odgers have certainly done a remarkable job with these moppets.

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Mergers are far from new

As PSL clubs face the trauma of changing names to "new-look" images, it may be of some consolation to know that it's all been done before — in England.

Take Arsenal for instance. They started as "Dial Square" when founded in 1886.

They changed again in 1891, this time to "Royal Arsenal". Not content with this they changed to "Woolwich Arsenal" in 1896, then became plain old Arsenal in 1913.

And what about Manchester United? The "Red Devils" started life as "Newton Heath", a team which had been formed by railwaymen of the Yorkshire and Lancashire railway in 1880.

They kept this name until 1902 when the present club came into being.

Bristol Rovers couldn't make their mind up, either. Known as the "Black Arabs" when founded in 1883, they changed to "Eastville Rovers" in 1884, before taking the present name in 1898.

West Ham were once called "Thames Ironworks", but changed to the present name in the year 1900 — perhaps they thought only iron workers would watch them.

Today Southampton are still known as the "Saints", a reference to their humble beginnings in 1885 as the "St Mary's Church Young Men's Association".

They formed a limited company in 1897 and a year later moved to the Dell ground.

And amalgamations aren't unique to the Antipodes. Carlisle were born as a result of an amal-

gamation between "Shoddongate United" and "Carlisle Red Rose" in 1903.

And Luton Town, the first club in the south of England to use professional players, were founded in 1885 by "Luton Wanderers" and "Luton Excelsior" joining together.

Burnley weren't fussy either. One of the 12 original members of the Football League, they were formed in 1881 through amalgamation with a local rugby club.

So, if your club is involved in the name-change game it's nothing new. It happened before, nearly 100 years ago.

— DAVE JENKINS

Holroyd need men brave and true

— BY STEPHEN DETTRE —

Holroyd Rangers Recreation and Soccer Club is one with more problems than just lying bottom of Division Four.

Basically the club lacks players, or a sufficient number, to be able to field two full strength sides in the Federation competition.

Recently, against Baulkham Hills, the club's coach, Arthur Carrig, was forced to play six first graders in the second team just to make up the full 11.

The team was doing well, leading 1-0, but four players were taken off at half time to give them a rest before the first grade match and in the last 10 minutes Holroyd went down 4-1.

More recently the brave Holroyd fighters grabbed a draw against Artamon with eight of the players having played in both games.

Club president George Garland says the lack of players is due both to injuries and the tight player "market" in the area.

They have lost four players through injury, three of them brothers who all suffered knee injuries on the one weekend, and have also suffered when players have moved houses due to job offers.

Holroyd is surrounded by Fairfield United, Guildford, Wentworth Waratahs and Greystones, so that any player who moves even so much as a few miles either way is much closer to one of these clubs.

The one hope for Holroyd is that they will be able to count on their youngsters coming up through the nine junior teams.

But as George Garland said: "The trouble is that we tend to lose boys between the ages of 16 and 22."

"They do return after a while out of the game, but not as many as we need to run two teams."

Holroyd, as the full title of the club implies, does not concentrate solely on soccer, though this is the main winter sport for boys.

For the girls there is netball, and during the summer cricket is provided for those who are interested.

A united front is always maintained, with the presentation nights of soccer and netball being held jointly, and all functions organised by the three sports.

The club also looks after its players and members, as a result of the great spirit forged within the club.

Members recently got together to raise enough money for one of the soccer players to have an operation which would have otherwise been impossible without the sale of his home.

President Garland also raised the point that the club's aim is to provide a worthwhile organisation to which the youth of the area can turn, and where their energies can be expended in rewarding activities rather than "loafing around milk bars playing inane pinball machines".

George Garland is certain that when the young people, both male and female, of Holroyd hear of the plight of the club they will help out, as he has faith in the young generation and in the aims of Holroyd Rangers Recreation and Soccer Club.

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BRISBANE IS OFF THE BOIL

— From Alan Fouche —

There has been much scratching of heads in Brisbane trying to find out why crowds at Perry Park have slumped alarmingly this year.

The answer is glaringly simple: the novelty of the PSL has worn thin and the matches are not providing enough entertainment value to draw people in.

Last season, I watched almost every PSL match played in Brisbane. A few were exciting, some were interesting but the majority were drab.

Supposedly the climax of the Queensland season was the Phillips Cup final between Marconi and Brisbane City.

Climax? It was the greatest yawn of all time, littered with more than 100 free kicks and leaving a legacy of bitterness and ill-will.

For Brisbane City supporters there was the brief exultation of victory; for anyone else the only memory that lingers is of a scorched battlefield.

For this and other reasons, I have seen only one PSL match this season — and that sent me away bored stiff.

Times don't seem to have changed much. In recent "Soccer Worlds" I read that "Brisbane City...kicked and punched their way into deeper trouble; Brisbane concentrated on playing the man instead of the ball," or, at yet another City-Marconi match, that it "was a terrible advert for the Phillips League."

All this gives me no joy; I know that there are in the PSL many talented players.

I would love to see the skills of players like Brisbane's own Willie Conner in full flight every week.

But I know, too, that for every attacker of talent there is at least one "chopper" always at the ready with a so-called "professional" foul.

We have referees, in Brisbane at least, who pounce at the merest hint of bad language, to the extent of sending players off the field.

When a deliberate, often crude, sometimes vicious foul interrupts an exciting, flowing attack, the red and yellow cards are seldom seen.

At city, state and international level, local patriotism can breed atmosphere, fervour and heady competition.

It can also breed fanaticism, which takes from football the element essential to its survival as entertainment — the element of skill, adventure and flair.

I have played and watched football for 25 years, and I do not believe a more exciting sport has ever been devised.

But PSL players must realise they are entertainers; and in a circus act it would hardly be called "professional" if a clown knocked a trapeze artist off balance because he wanted all the applause to himself.

Coach is Joe Vlasits, manager Lionel Brown.

He was forced to leave Ryde midway through this season due to work and travel problems; unfortunately so, for the team had gone seven games without loss. Living at Chiffley, near Long Bay golf, and travelling to Ryde was rather time consuming so he searched for a position closer to home and now looks after Queens Park second and third grades.

His aim is to put all he has learnt in the past six years into practice with either a first or second division club.

He holds the senior coaching certificate and can be contacted on 661-6891 in the evenings.

— S.D.

When I go to a soccer match, I usually "want" one team to win. But I'd rather see "my" team lose a sparkling match 4-3 than win a drab, foul-filled encounter 1-0.

Am I one of a dying breed, or one of the great silent majority who are staying away from Perry Park in droves?

As the eternal optimist, perhaps I'll be on the Perry Park stands again soon for another look.

I'll be hoping to see skills, speed and goals.

If all I get is again the kind of "professionalism" that involves crude fouls, displays of petulance, time-wasting at free kicks, goalkeepers who play little private games with fullbacks in the closing minutes, referees who ignore bad fouls but pounce on a player who swears.

Well, then I think I will stay in my mathballs.

Coaching his life

A man with a passion. The passion is coaching, and the man is Paul Falson.

A young, alert man, he oozes enthusiasm when talking football, especially when the topic turns, as it invariably does, to coaching.

He has an absolute obsession about coaching, watching and helping boys in both school "color" competitions played throughout the week and also lads who start "pick-up" games.

Paul started out his coaching career with the Praeger juniors in 1972-73, taking the under-16s to a championship in '73.

He moved on in 1974 to the amateur club Sydney United, where he completely immersed himself in the task of building up a fine amateur side, both on and off the field.

In 1975 they won the Southern and Eastern Competition, and then at the end of 1976 he moved again, to Ryde District where, once again, success followed.

After taking both teams within an ace of winning the premiership, they both made their respective grand finales.

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SCHOOLBOYS ARE BACK FROM AMERICAN TOUR

Frustration set in for both teams in the Australia v USA schools clash at Balboa Stadium, San Francisco, last week.

Australia won 2-1 in an incomplete match after US authorities had appointed a referee who was only used to controlling under 14 and 15 years players.

Coaches Bill Muse (US) and Bob McLachlan (Aust.) agreed that the game would have to be terminated when lack of control produced rough play, and that victory was Australia's.

The Schoolboys amazed the Americans with their speed and were superior in marking, but the teams were equal in ball skills.

The US team had 10 days in camp together at Squaw Valley before the match.

The full tour results were: v British Columbia 1-1; v Washington State 9-1; v United States 2-1; v California Youth 4-0.

The proposed match against one of the German Youth teams on tour was called off when the US Junior Federation gave the Australian party too little notice of the game.

The standard of organisation in California was nowhere near what is expected in Australian schools and youth fixtures.

It was an entirely different

matter in British Columbia, Canada.

"Everything there was first class," said team manager Jack Dodd.

The US team also played in a tournament against the youth teams of Hanover 96, Lower Saxony, California Youth and South California Croatia.

The Germans had excellent ball skills and were sound in defence.

All the Australian players were used, and team officials were happy with their showing.

The captain, George Christopoulos, of South Melbourne, and Ian Hunter of NSW Third Division club Nepean, were outstanding.

What did turn out to be an eye-opener for the Australians was the soccer situation in Vancouver.

The Vancouver Whitecaps went down to Toronto Metras in a fierce NASL play-off before a 30,000 crowd at Empire Stadium.

Whitecaps already had 29,000 seats sold for their next clash with Portland Timbers when the Australians left.

"The promotion of the game was an absolute eye-opener," Jack Dodd said.

Edited by
VIC MIGLIACCIO



Scene from last week's West Adelaide v Adelaide City clash. Photo by Luigi.

Golden Boots

Westad captain Neil McGachey has won the \$1000 Golden Boots award for the best Adelaide player in the Phillips League for 1978.

McGachey won the award, which is sponsored jointly by "The Advertiser" and John Martin and Co. Ltd., by one point from Adelaide City fullback Bugsy Nyskohus.

The final placings were: Nyskohus (City) 33, P. Boyle (West) 30, F. Lister (City) 23, D. Jones (West) 22.

City centre-back Frank Lister took the award last season.

Cup final

The Federation Cup final will provide Campbelltown-Budapest with a big chance to prove that they are ready to return to first division next season.

However, Cumberland will start as firm favorites to win the match and could do so by a comfortable margin.

The two squads: Campbelltown: Scarcella, Garofa, Rapani, Bianco, Booth, Natale, Centofanti, Chadwick, Hadson, Haig, Matriciani, Jarvis, Mail, Nawes, Romeo.

Cumberland: Parks, B. Leone, Harvey, Stuart, Ball, Evans, Welsh, Dobney, D. Leone, Mahany, Reeves, Pankhurst, Mason, Charman.

Reserves: 1-3, Juniors: 2-0. NOARLUNGA UNITED 2 (Fay, English) v PARA HILLS.

Reserves: 0-0, Juniors: 3-0.

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USC LION 3 (Cagliano 2, Ilyski) v AZZURRI 4 (Alder 3, Smythe). Lions: Southgate, Herd, P. Nyskohus, Tennant, Jacob, Ilyski, Edwards, Middleton, Kowalski, Cagliano, Bradley.

Azzurri: Metanowski, Simeone, Moschis, Marusic, Affede, Barone, Serafini, Soderini, Alder, Manolev, Smythe.

Reserves: 0-2, Juniors: 0-2. CROATIA 3 (Jordan 3) v CUMBERLAND 2 (Messam, Penman).

Croatia: Przybylski, Williams, Ivanov, Holland, Kotlar (Tash), Pope, Harrow, Rogacic, Jordan, Thomson, Hayes.

Cumberland: Parks, B. Leone, Harvey, Stuart, Ball, Evans, Pankhurst, Dobney, Messam, Mason, Reeves (Penman).

Reserves: 0-2, Juniors: 0-2. SOUTH ADELAIDE v SALISBURY 8-1. Reserves: 4-2, Juniors: 0-6.

Windsor Athletic v Don Largs 1-8. Reserves: 0-2, Juniors: 3-5.

Orange Sturt v Modbury 2-8. Reserves: 1-0, Juniors: 1-3.

Campbelltown v Birkalla Rovers 0-0. Reserves: 1-3, Juniors: 2-2.

West Field APAC v Port Adelaide 2-1. Reserves: 0-3, Juniors: 3-1.

THIRD DIVISION Adelaide Uni. v West Torrens 1-2 (Res. 2-1, Jun. 1-1); Adelaide City v Noarlunga City 4-2 (Res. 3-2, Jun. 1-0); Flinders Uni. v Brighton City 2-1 (Res. 1-1, Jun. 0-6); SAIT v West Adelaide 1-5 (Res. 1-1, Jun. 0-1).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SAIT v Adelaide Uni. White 2-1; Adelaide Uni. Red v Graduates 0-4; Italian Students v Torrens Gold 2-1; Adelaide Uni. Blue v Torrens Blue 2-3; Adelaide Uni. Black v Flinders Uni. 3-1; Sturt CAE v Orange Sturt postponed.

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Rothmans State League top goalkeepers: J. Serafini (Azzurri) 13, D. Leone (Cumberland) 13, S. Cagliano (Lion) 11, J. Fay (Noarlunga) 10, R. Tufts (Enfield) 10, A. Jordan (Croatia) 10, J. Kameitner (Beograd) 9, N. Lees (Elizabeth) 9, J. Lorecki (Polonia) 8, W. Bojczuk (Beograd) 8, I. Greenhalgh (Elizabeth) 7.

Palaver this week on new NSW State set-up

The critical subject of entry of teams from Sydney Philips League clubs into the NSW Federation next season is likely to receive an airing late this week.

It is proposed to bring officials of the ASF, PSL and the NSW Federation together with the Sydney-based PSL clubs to work on the guidelines proposed by the NSW Executive.

All parties have been straining at a gnat on this question ever since the PSL began and the Youth League has not been effective.

As a result PSL clubs have seen

talented youngsters move out to clubs who gave them regular football.

In the new arrangements the PSL clubs cannot have their cake and eat it.

At least one club (Hakoah) is interested in fielding only one team in the proposed new competition which, if approved by the NSW Federation Council, will be known as First Division.

Yet it could be a bit much to expect PSL clubs to field three teams in First Division.

— By Keith Gilmour —

The balance of the First Division clubs will want three teams, leaving a compromise difficult to find.

Time is of the essence, as clubs at all levels are now planning for 1979.

It would be better to achieve a round table settlement than to have the ASF coming in to enforce a solution.

Settlement between the NSW and Philips League clubs is a desirable prerequisite to the December seminar which should result in a new structure for the code under which senior clubs, amateurs, juniors, schools and women's organisations play their part.

This week NSW secretary Alden Brown said that his Executive was hopeful that their proposals would be accepted by the NSW Federation Council.

"We are waiting for the PSL clubs to submit entries and it will then be up to our Council," he said.

Brown said that the new First

Division proposal, under which the competition would be graded below State League, gives the opportunity for reconstruction without affecting constitutional requirements on promotion and relegation.

He allowed that the State would gain some fairly strong clubs when the PSL comes in.

Some lower division clubs are unhappy because they may be effectively held down a division because of the proposed First Division.

However, many clubs have been upgraded in the past due to clubs leaving to join the PSL, and in other cases due to increases in the number of teams (State League now has 14 clubs), and also due to amalgamations.

On the debit side NSW obviously does not expect an influx of country clubs into the higher divisions.

Clear evidence exists that Queensland and Northern NSW are getting out and selling senior soccer to large country cities and towns.

Those with strong Associations, district backing, media availability of every description including local television are receiving priority.

This calls for a whole new range of selling skills, with clubs being required to cover substantial travel and team costs from their own resources, in many cases working in conjunction with licensed clubs.

The State League has not been able to enter metropolitan TV, but organising the gradual building of big country clubs would go well for starters.

PENALTIES IN TASMAN CUP

Normanhurst netted five penalty kicks to Jannali's four to enter the Tasman Cup finals.

Both teams had failed to score after 20 minutes extra time in an absorbing battle which wildly enthused the 1500 spectators at Englefield last Friday night.

For Normanhurst, Warren Spring, Tim Yates, Peter Seach, Adam Kissell and Hugh Doughty all beat Jannali's fine goalkeeper, Andrew Walsh.

Wally Broadbar, Mike Murray, Peter Roack and Mike Phipps all netted for Jannali, but then central striker Keith Tiller's high placement went a metre over the bar, giving Normanhurst a 5-4 win.

Normanhurst's seven wins saw them eliminating Ku-ring-gai, Crows Nest, Galston, West Wallsend, Manly, Cromer and Jannali to enter the final.

Jannali's wins were all one-goal margins in which they downed Peakhurst, Sylvania, Hunters Hill, Kotara, Sydney Tech and Waratah.

Canterbury and Booragul play their semi-final at Dural when

schools resume, and the final will be in either Sydney or Newcastle.

Whilst ordinary and extra time produced no goals, there were constant raids at either end.

The respective centre-backs, Spring and John Hills of Normanhurst and Wally Broadbar and Warren Monroe of Jannali, played superbly.

Peter Roack was extremely skilful in midfield for Jannali, but the constant foraging of John Martin, Rob Wheatley, Tim Yates and Peter Seach kept the ultimate winners right in the picture.

Normanhurst coach John McDonald brought in two replacements during the game and both fitted in well.

A much bigger attendance saw Cumberland win the Northern Districts Cup with a 1-0 victory over Carlingford earlier in the week.

Hunters Hill beat Pennant Hills 5-1 in the play-off for third position, and Turramurra won the girls' series with a 2-0 result over Woolwich Catholic School.

— K.G.



PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



Fitzroy

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FITZROY: Marner 3, McMillan 3, O'Reilly 3, Tansey 3, Bannan 2, Taylor 3, Campbell 2, Selamidis 2, Boziskas 2, Cole 2, Buljevic 2 (Micevski 70m). **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

Goal: 1-0 Lujic (10m). **Referee:** S. Mellings. **Crowd:** 4000. **Cautions:** Campbell, Hazabent, Bannan.

The season fizzled out to a low note for Fitzroy and Footscray, and the highlight of the day was the presentation to Jim Kriaris, who has been forced to retire on medical advice. Jim played for 12 years for Fitzroy and four for Footscray and both clubs recognised his service.

The only goal of the game came when a long cross from the left eluded the Fitzroy defence and found the unmarked Lujic lurking on the right. The ex-Novisad player, easily the best man on the ground, volleyed the ball powerfully past little Marner. The game degenerated into a comedy of errors after that, although Fitzroy made sporadic attempts to get level.

Footscray

1 (0)

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Kazi 3, Hazabent 3, Kondarios 3, Kriaris 3, Ristic 3, Rujovic 2, Ilioski 2, Picaone 3, Lujic 4, Ristovski 2 (Nicolaidis 74m). **Coach:** C. Cerkovic.

After its one lapse, the Fitzroy defence was its usual rock-solid self, but the attack was woeful, with Buljevic gesticulating, Cole falling over the ball more than usual, and Boziskas running about and getting nowhere. Footscray were little better, and their usually fluent build-ups were missing.

After Fitzroy brought on Micevski, they lived up and gave the Footscray defence a torrid time in the closing minutes. Boland saved magnificently from Ken Taylor after McMillan, Cole and Campbell had all had shots charged down, but Footscray just about deserved the points.

— LES SHORROCK

Syd. Olympic

0 (0)

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Palmer 3, Bell 3, G. Allan 3, Wilson 3, Laing 4, Jamieson 3, Cross 3, Luckett 3, Ainslie 4 (D. Allan 78m). **Coach:** J. Marston.

Goals: 0-1 Smith (61m), 0-2 Bainbridge. **Crowd:** 3528.

The drama came largely after the game. Easts-Hakoah had fulfilled their part of their bargain by defeating Olympic, but could add only a goal by defeating Westad. The answer came through in the negative, but Gerry Choldi responded by congratulating Jim Adam on his success — and then looking forward to the chance of beating West in the Top Four major semifinal.

This game sparked up after a dull first half as Hakoah suddenly found that they had wings and that it pays to flap them. Throughout the first half the ability of Murray Barnes to chase everything on the park, aided and abetted by the work put in by Joe Watson and Ian Souness kept the Olympic team working flat out. Allan Ainslie went perilously close for Olympic, but there was little else in the way of really dangerous shots.

Easts Hakoah

2 (0)

HAKOAH: Clarke 4, Mullen 2, Thomson 3, O'Connor 4, Mowbray 3, Stevenson 4, Watson 4, Barnes 5, Souness 4, Smith 3, Silva 4. **Coach:** G. Choldi.

Goals: 0-1 Smith (61m), 0-2 Barnes (73m). **Referee:** C.

In the 61st minute Watson got in a cross following John Stevenson's pass and Terry Smith had no trouble in scoring one of his rare goals from a header. Derek Laing had a great chance to equalise two minutes later but he failed to get past Todd Clarke. It was a last-ditch jump at the ball by Clarke that won out, with Richie Bell standing unattended just out from goal and ready to receive the ball.

It was fitting that Murray Barnes scored one of the goals. He had no trouble in hitting in a short ground shot following a pass from Kevin Mullen. Hakoah made a couple of more chances without increasing their score. The loss wound up the season for Olympic, who provided the vast majority of the crowd, and had done enough over the past dozen games to redeem themselves after their early disasters.

— KEITH GILMOUR

St. George

1 (1)

ST GEORGE: Coe 3, Utjesenovic 4, Terry 4, Holmik 3, M. O'Shea 3, Coates 3, J. O'Shea 4, Barton 3, Morgan 3, O'Connor 4, Hensman 4. **Coach:** J. Vlasits.

Goal: 1-0 Utjesenovic (16m). **Referee:** W. Jones. **Crowd:** 1025. **Cautions:** Wilson, Harding.

The comment of one St. George fan after the match summed up perfectly this match: "We murdered them, 1-0." A seemingly strange statement, but true, for Wests were hardly ever in the hunt. Clive Eaton was a bundle of nerves and missed three absolute sitters in the first half. After those he faded from view, and only two lone attempts by Vernon in the second half gave any evidence that Wests were still interested in scoring goals. The Saints' midfield was remarkably productive, providing its forwards with innumerable well placed passes, fighting throughout, and yet never standing out as a scintillating unit.

They went about their task in a workmanlike way. Coates was busy, O'Shea schemed throughout and young replacement Mark Barton worked steadily. Hensman and

West. Suburbs

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WESTS: T. Eaton 5, Skellern 3, Wilson 3, Turnbull 4, Rowden 3, Stone 4, Harding 2, O'Donnell 3, C. Eaton 2, Vernon 3, Scott 2. **Coach:** M. Laing.

O'Connor were dangerous, while the makeshift Saints defence held together well and even found time to room forward. Wests' only ray of hope was Peter Stone, but he was laboring alone for most of the match, and found the weight of numbers against him too high.

Some credit should also be given to Terry Eaton who played superbly in goal for Wests and, but for him, the goal tally could have been higher. However, there were occasions when it was not the keeping of Eaton, but the hurried Saints shooting that prevented goals. Saints should be well pleased with their second round performances, but need a goalpoacher of the Denton mould to add to the front line to put away the many chances created.

— STEPHEN DETTRE

Canberra City

0 (0)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 2, Hogg 4, Stark 3, Henderson 4, Kawalewa 4, Cant 4, Stoddart 5, Davies 2 (Lustica 62m), Heywood 3, Byrne 3, Gruicic 3. **Coach:** J. Warren.

Goals: 0-1 Stark o.g. (1m), 0-2 Cummings (63m), 0-3 Cummings (75m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 4800.

The scoreline may have been unusual but, really, the crowd had seen it all before: dominating Canberra City, this is your life.

Things started off very boldly for the home side on Saturday. Some of the near 5000 crowd were still settling down after an international athletics meeting, and mini pop concert when South Melbourne struck. Down the left flank Evans shot from near the goal line, Tilsed parried as far as Luffton, whose kick was deflected in by Stark. A dream start for the visitors, one up inside a minute. However, South Melbourne didn't pack their defence, and soon Hansen was forced to bring off the first of five good saves. Stoddart whipped a header in from a Davies cross, but Hansen smothered low to his left.

Two minutes later Kalifatidis, who had a forceful, intelligent game in midfield, corkscrewed an attempt off Gruicic's feet and into the Canberra crossbar. In the 26th minute two more great saves from Hansen. He appeared to turn himself inside out to

Sth. Melbourne

3 (1)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 6, Pye 3, Munro 3, Rogers 4, Hatzemanouel 3, Wright 4, Kalifatidis 5, Luffton 4, Bergman 3 (Kokantonis 46m, 3), Cummings 4, Evans 3. **Coach:** D. Madaren.

touch the result of a dogged Heywood in the second half. Then an acrobatic midair catch from a lunging Byrne header. This was virtually all young Byrne had to show for 90 minutes of persistent marking by Billy Rogers.

The other Bill, Swedish winger Bergman, was replaced at half time. His sole contribution was a high cross which Evans rather naively netted with his arm. Unlucky to be behind at half time, it seemed only a matter of time till the equaliser would spur the home side on to victory. Stoddart, one of the few PSL players with the skill and, at last, confidence, to toy with opponents, had a 25-metre drive foiled by a leaping Hansen.

South Melbourne's second goal finished off the locals' hopes. Hogg, on his own, tried to fight off Evans and Cummings but the latter chipped home. Cummings, again, cracked home a loose ball after he had challenged Stark for a header. The difference between the sides was really the 'keepers. Tilsed's most effective action was outstoring the bench when Lindemeyer began warming up.

— CHRIS KUNZ

West Adelaide

1 (0)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Bazanic 4, Reynolds 4, McGachey 4, Kombas 4, Jones 4, Boyle 5, Pillans 3, Norris 3 (Zervas 83m), Honeyman 4, McGregor 3 (Tymczyszyn 46m, 4). **Coach:** J. Adam.

Goals: 0-1 Perin (53m), 1-1 Bazanic (85m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 16,251. **Cautions:** McGachey.

West Adelaide snatched the Philips League title from Hakoah with only five minutes to spare when Vic Bazanic grabbed an equaliser for Westad to draw with Adelaide City. Amid conflicting reports that Olympic had beaten Hakoah, Adelaide fans on Sunday night believed that Westad had clinched the title by three points. SA was forced to rely upon "carrier pigeon" information because of the Telecom dispute and the drama of Westad's achievement was hidden until the correct Hakoah v Olympic score was known. John Perin unwittingly filmed Sydney's grip on the championship when he blasted City to a 1-0 lead eight minutes after half time, but young Vic Bazanic brought the title to SA with a dramatic goal.

Bazanic, who was exchanged for John Kritikos plus \$4000 from Adelaide Polonia, must be regarded as Westad's bargain of the year. Westad owe their championship and Sunday's draw to their stirring fighting qualities. Sunday marked the seventh time this season that they have come from behind to snatch either a draw or a win.

The enormity of the occasion almost proved their undoing as over anxiousness brought many mistakes.

However, Peter Boyle, Neil McGachey, David Jones and Con Kombas supplied the steady influence, while Bazanic unrolled the find touch of flair. The classy work of John Perin, John Besir and Agenor Muniz lifted City to near their top form to increase SA's prospects of winning the league and cup double. And, while perhaps City could be considered

Adelaide City

1 (0)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 5, B. Nyskohus 3, Yung 3, Besir 4, Lister 4, Perin 4, Marocchi 3 (Matic 46m, 3), Deans 3, Muniz 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Northcote 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

unlucky not to have taken both points, it was a tribute to Westad's attacking persistence that City goalkeeper Peter Marshall emerged as the man of the match.

Marshall, whose form has been suspect in recent games, hit his peak to frustrate Westad's strikers with his fine judgment of the high lob meant for big David Pillans. Marshall capped his performance with a great diving save four minutes from the end to turn a screaming drive from Bazanic around the post.

Earlier the title hung precariously in balance as both sides narrowly failed to score. Ten minutes from time a header from Bazanic inched agonisingly past the far upright and a minute later Johnny Nyskohus added to the heart-stopping drama by flashing a drive marginally wide of Martyn Crook's goal. Sydney referee Peter Rampley's firm control prevented a repetition of the hacking match when City eliminated Westad from the Philips Cup.

— ALLAN CRISP

Brisbane Lions

1 (0)

LIONS: Lownds 3, Potter 3, Hemmiston 3, Niven 3, Lasla 2 (Spearritt 45m), Amos 4, Wilson 4, Nedle 3, Ontong 3, Fairbrother 3, Hughes 3. **Coach:** J. Vincze.

Goals: 0-1 Caldwell pen. (50m), 1-1 Hughes (78m), 1-2 Kelso (92m). **Referee:** J. Woods. **Crowd:** 4600. **Cautions:** Spearritt, Lownds, Rathmell.

The last game of the PSL season in Brisbane was the usual "local derby", with more spirit and effort on show than actual good football. The big crowd, attracted by a super promotion experiment by the Lions Marketing and Promotions Committee, enjoyed the game, as there was plenty of incident and excitement caused, in the main, by some powerful running and challenging by Kelso and Caldwell who relish this sort of game.

Lions, forced into change by the unavailability of Socceroo Col Bennett never really came to grips with this type of tactic and on the day City probably deserved their narrow victory. Much of the spirit has come back into the "Azzurris" play, but this victory should not lull the administrators into a false sense of security, as much team-building has to be done for the new season.

Lions showed touches of class in their play but their greatest fault was

Brisbane City

2 (0)

CITY: Wishart 3, Rathmell 3, Perry 4, Ratcliffe 4, Kibbey 3, Coyne 3, Gaffney 3, Echeverria 3, Conner 3, Kelso 4, Caldwell 3. **Coach:** I. Rathmell.

still apparent and for the team it has been a great cross to bear. But for the lack of a consistent top class scorer there is no doubt this team could have been a real threat to the top boys in PSL. Once again they must look to the new season. The goals were all second half affairs with the winner being the pick of the bunch, Kelso moving the ball on to his deadly left foot and fooling everyone, including Lownds, with a high, looping, dipping, drive that secured the points for City and will give them a morale booster for their forthcoming cup-tie, sometime in the distant future.

— JIM BINNIE

Newcastle

1 (0)

NEWCASTLE: Dando 5, Willis 3, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 4, Curran 5, Mason 4, Galpin 3, Charlton 5, Endacott 4, Boden 4, Tredinnick 4. **Coach:** A. Vest.

Goal: 1-0 Endacott (56m). **Referee:** R. Lorenz (Sydney). **Crowd:** 15,614.

Despite the paucity of goals, Newcastle's biggest crowd of the season had their soccer appetite whetted with ex-England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton acting as master of ceremonies over the entire piece. It is doubtful whether one spectator in the crowd of 15,614 left the International Sports Centre before referee Richard Lorenz signalled fulltime. The struggle for supremacy between two such contrasting styles of play was packed full of intrigue and breathtaking action.

Marconi's goalscoring slump continued with Peter Ollerton a great disappointment, showing little dash or determination in his duels against Newcastle's rugged defender Bill Summerscales. That soccer ability is 90% talent and 10% sheer solid endeavour was clearly demonstrated by the incomparable Bobby Charlton. After a week of energy sapping coaching and travelling in Northern NSW the 40-year-old soccer missionary captivated the huge crowd with a masterly performance. The basic skills inherent in such a talented performer were immediately evident despite his absence from serious competitive play for four years.

The rival goalkeepers, Phil Dando and Alan Maher, were in top form, Dando in particular bringing off some courageous saves from Mariani in each half. Boden came in for some heavy punishment from defender John Russell, who brought down the elusive striker twice in the space of 60 seconds to earn a finger wagging

Marconi

0 (0)

MARCONI: Maher 5, Jones 3, Russell 3, Prskalo 4, Degney 5, Vieri 4, Selvage 4, Rooney 4, Mariani 3, Berry 3, Ollerton 3. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

lecture from referee Lorenz. The 26-year-old referee controlled the game well throughout. He did not issue one cautionary card and played the advantage rule to both teams' advantage.

There was no scoring in the first half when Marconi had the advantage of the stiff southerly wind. But immediately on the restart Newcastle came up a siege on the Marconi goal. Corner kick after corner kick was forced and it seemed certain that the Marconi citadel had to fall, and fall it did in the 56th minute to a superlative goal by 18-year-old Neal Endacott. From a well placed kick by Peter Tredinnick, Summerscales headed the ball forward and Endacott, pivoting smartly, crashed a great shot past Maher. A match winning goal of the highest order and this was followed by two equally memorable efforts from Charlton and Boden.

Charlton's 20-metre shot glanced off the upright, while Boden left three Marconi defenders standing flatfooted before his effort also came to grief against the woodwork from the edge of the penalty area — this would have been a wonderful goal. Despite Marconi's fine cohesive play, the ball moving from man to man with great precision, the visiting forwards came up against relentless defence. As though inspired by the very presence of the once great Charlton, the Newcastle players lifted their game in the second half to turn on one of their finest displays of the season.

— MYLES HAY

TOP SCORERS

BODEN (Newcastle)	14
EATON (West. Sub.)	14
O'CONNOR (St. George)	12
VIERI (Marconi)	11
CAMPBELL (Fitzroy)	11
COLE (Fitzroy)	11
HUGHES (Br. Lions)	10
CUMMINGS (S. Melb.)	9
FISHER (West. Sub.)	9
GRUICIC (Canberra)	9
BYRNE (Canberra)	9
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	9
OLLERTON (Marconi)	8
SILVA (Hakoah)	8
CAMPBELL (Hakoah)	8

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

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3 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE...	26	12	8	6	45 30 32	13	7	3	3	26 12 17	13	5	5	3	19 18 15
4 (3) MARCONI.....	26	12	6	8	46 31 30	13	8	3	2	30 14 19	13	4	3	6	16 17 11
5 (5) FITZROY.....	26	9	8	9	39 39 26	13	6	3	4	19 14 15	13	3	5	5	20 25 11
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PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Sons of Hellas set to meet Sydney challenge

The king is dead, long live the king! This is the traditional cry to greet a new leader, and without doubt Westad are the new champions of Australian soccer, gaining the title through hard work, fighting spirit and skill.

It was typical and fitting that they won the championship last week with a goal similar to many they have scored this season: coming from behind at the "death" to snatch a point.

This sets the scene for a fierce clash this week as Hakoah, the dethroned champions, meet Westad at Hindmarsh Stadium in the first semi-final.

Though a victory by either side would not "prove" anything — the championship race having done that quite well over 26 weeks — there should be a great deal of satisfaction in either camp should a win swing their way.

Hakoah would love nothing better than to knock off the new champs and so take a step towards winning the first "grand final" of the PSL.

Westad would dearly love to make '78 a year to remember by taking out the double, though the Cup is out of their grasp.

— By Stephen Dettre —

In fact there is a distinct possibility that all three trophies may go to the City of Churches, for Adelaide City are still in the hunt for the Cup.

Another packed crowd should be on hand to see the Adelaide fighters take on the Sydney technicians.

These two teams undoubtedly were the two finest throughout the whole season, though both South Melbourne and Marconi could lay claim to being more attractive at times.

Westad, with such stalwarts as McGachey, Boyle, McGregor, Bozanic, Reynolds and Jones have a powerful team and will push Hakoah all the way.

The Sydney team with Silva, Stevenson, Souness, Barnes and O'Connor all in superb form should be able to hold Westad and make it a close game.

With a packed crowd I expect Westad to have an advantage and tip them to make their way into the grand final at their first bite of the cherry with Hakoah forced to play next week in the final.

What could have been the greatest season in Marconi's history has ended in total disaster.

After leading the competition at the halfway mark by six points, they finally ended up six points adrift of the winners Westad...



Hakoah's Hilton Silva (right) in a cluster of Olympic's "Zebras" in last week's match.

In the first half of the season they collected 22 points from a possible 26 — in the second half they collected just eight from the 26.

The only way they can possibly salvage anything from this year is by winning the grand final, a task that at this stage seems quite beyond them.

Last week they went down to an energetic Newcastle before a vociferous local crowd, and can

expect to come up against the same thing this week.

South Melbourne have had a good season, being always within striking range of the lead, yet never quite having either the luck or the opportunity to edge into the lead.

They were admittedly smitten by serious injuries towards the end of the season, but throughout the year lost easy matches against lower placed opponents; results which in the end cost them dearly.

They seem likely to end Marconi's hopes for '78, with Christopoulos back, and most of the injuries having cleared up, they should be back to near full strength and no match for a demoralised Marconi.

Defeat here will, of course, mean instant elimination of one of the teams — and this looks like being Marconi.

Brisbane

Brisbane City are desperately trying to arrange practice matches between now and their distant Philips Cup tie against Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs. Lions have agreed to "front up" this weekend and will, no doubt, use the occasion to "blood" some of their youngsters to PSL standard soccer.

"A Funday", a fabulously entertaining family day, organised by Lions for their last game against City, had people coming in droves at 10am on the day of the game. Kentucky Fried Chicken, Lions' sponsors, laid on a party for all the kids who had taken part in the KFC Cup, a novel competition for juniors that had been Lions' "curtain-raiser" all season.

No expense was spared and mums, dads, brothers and sisters were all catered for to give the place a real picnic atmosphere. A band entertained the crowd, and then a Celebrity v Sponsors match took place, an event that had to be seen to be believed.

Kentucky Krazy Soccer followed, with all the "losers" in the KFC participating, giving five boys to a giant 20 a side game between North and South to see who could put one of those egg-shaped balls into a soccer net.

At 12.45 we had all the pomp of the English Cup Final when Kingsridge played Newmarket for the big prize. Kingsridge won 1-0 and after the full ceremony of the cup and medals, both teams did a lap of honor. The kids were then entertained by local TV identity Boris the Black Knight who brought his show along and had tons of giveaways from all the sponsors who backed the day.

Then we had a fashion parade with all the latest in bikini wear and that pleased the dads no end. That brought us to all the local awards for local players, Alan Hughes winning the award of \$500 for leading PSL scorer, Steve Perry the award for most consistent player.

— J. BINNIE



George Potter (Lions)

Sydney

St. George coach Jos Vlasits and young Paul Kay were soon in touch when Paul returned from the Australian schools' tour of America last Saturday. "Bring your boots to Barton Park tomorrow," Paul was told. Saints had Paul Coe, Brendan Grosse and Robert O'Shea down with flu, George Harris suspended and Phil O'Connor in doubt with as leg muscle injury. Eventually, Kay was allowed to rest, but the Saints did blood Mark Barton, 17, promoted from the third team.

If anyone called out "Hey, Curley" in the Sydney Olympic dressing room, at least four players we know might have looked up. Recently, it seems, some of the players have been having their locks attended to in some unisex hairdressing parlor! What next?

Domingo Ielamo looks an outstanding prospect for Marconi. However, he has been plagued with a leg injury since his first game in Australia against West Adelaide and, unfortunately, the fans are unlikely to see him at his top until next season.

Although naturally disappointed by losing out so narrowly in the premiership, Easts-Hakoah coach Gerry Chaidi extended full congratulations to West Adelaide's winner, Jim Adam. Gerry would like to have seen a toss of the coin decide the venue for the major semi-final play-off, but he will be out after West Adelaide's scalp at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Canberra

Canberra City's Player Development Fund was revealed at the club's premises in East Row last Wednesday. Over 100 people attended the \$30 a single, \$50 a double drinks and dinner with the Prime Minister, Sir Arthur George and John Frank attending.

Contributions to the development fund of \$100 will enable a person to two grandstand VIP seats at every City home game next season, as well as acknowledgement in each match program. The fund has been set up to purchase equipment, retain star players, send youngsters to Europe in our off-season, and to buy key players for next year. Club promotions director Steve Doszpot said that the VIP sponsorships were already selling well.

Johnny Warren and Danny Moulis will meet with club supporters at the premises next Tuesday evening. Among other things, the schoolboys tour of the USA will be discussed.

— CHRIS KUNZ

SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE



Last round of Coca-Cola Youth League Cup:
St. George Dragons v Sydney Olympic 1-0
Marconi Raiders v Newcastle United 1-0
Western Suburbs v St. George Colts 3-1
Eastern Suburbs Hakoah v Marconi Comets 4-0
Details of the next week's round not available at press time.

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	P	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-0	4-2	2-1	1-2	1-3	2-0	0-0	5-0	3-0	1-0
Marconi	1-2	P	4-0	1-1	6-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	0-0	2-0	4-2
Fitzroy	1-1	4-1	P	2-0	0-3	1-4	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-1	3-1	0-1	1-0
Adel. City	0-1	4-0	3-2	P	1-4	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-4	3-2	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-1
West. Sub.	3-2	3-1	2-3	2-3	P	2-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-0	2-2	1-0	1-1
St. George	1-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-0	P	0-1	3-1	2-2	2-0	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-3
West Adel.	3-2	2-1	3-2	1-1	2-0	1-4	P	1-2	3-0	2-0	3-1	0-1	2-0	1-0
Footscray	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	P	4-0	2-2	0-2	2-3	1-2	0-1
Br. Lions	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	5-2	P	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-2	2-1
Br. City	0-3	0-3	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-4	0-1	3-0	0-1	P	3-4	3-2	1-0	1-2
South Melb.	3-0	0-3	1-1	5-0	2-1	3-2	0-2	4-0	2-1	0-1	P	1-1	0-0	3-0
Olympic	0-2	1-1	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-0	2-4	1-1	2-4	2-1	1-2	P	1-2	1-1
Canberra	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	4-0	0-3	1-3	P	2-2
Newcastle	1-4	1-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	0-1	1-1	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	3-0	P

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE SEMIFINALS:

SOUTH MELBOURNE v MARCONI
MIDDLE PARK, MELBOURNE, 3pm

WEST ADELAIDE v HAKOAH
HINDMARSH, ADELAIDE, 2.30pm

NEXT WEEK

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE FINAL
(Venue decided after semifinals of this week)

Western Suburbs Soccer Club



William St., Five Dock
Telephone: 713-8672.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31: Disco Night with radio personality Chris Ball and the Go Go Girls.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: Request Dance Night — Ray Williams Orchestra.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: LORRAINE DELANEY — Popular vocalist.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: Film 2pm, starring Sissy Spacek, John Travolta and Piper Laurie. 8pm: SYLVIA RAY and M.D. — TV and recording star.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: Euchre Night.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE FOR MEMBERS

St. George-Budapest Soccer Club Ltd.



84 Victoria Ave., Mortdale
Telephone: 579-6977

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31: Movie — 8.00pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: Country and Western Night with Ricky Penko — 8.00pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: JADE HURLEY — 8.00pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: Disco — 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: Disco — 7.30pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: Movie — 8.00pm.

FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	18	—	4	51	11	36
Sutherland	14	3	5	34	14	31
Monaro	12	5	5	40	24	29
Melita	14	—	8	37	26	28
Auburn	11	3	9	45	34	25
APIA	11	3	9	31	22	25
Mv. Olympic	10	3	9	28	31	23
Toongabbie	7	6	9	23	28	20
Yugal	7	5	9	28	38	19
Granville	6	6	11	24	33	18
Manly	6	6	11	23	48	18
Amcliffe	3	5	14	14	38	11
Bankstown	3	4	15	20	40	10

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	18	3	2	55	13	39
Croatia	14	4	4	44	22	32
APIA	14	3	5	31	19	31
Sutherland	13	3	6	57	16	29
Auburn	13	3	6	45	23	29
Amcliffe	11	4	6	42	19	26
Granville	11	2	9	37	29	24
Melita	9	4	8	30	31	22
Mv. Olympic	6	7	9	27	36	19
Toongabbie	4	5	12	20	33	13
Yugal	6	1	15	23	56	13
Avola	5	2	15	25	45	12
Monaro	5	1	16	21	63	11
Bankstown	2	2	18	15	67	6

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	17	2	2	70	13	36
Sutherland	16	4	1	53	11	36
APIA	11	3	6	36	21	25
Amcliffe	9	5	5	27	19	23
Granville	9	3	8	25	30	21
Auburn	9	3	9	22	27	21
Bankstown	7	5	8	21	28	19
Croatia	6	6	8	27	30	18
Melita	7	4	9	18	24	18
Avola	5	3	12	18	42	13
Yugal	3	6	11	15	48	11
Toongabbie	4	3	13	24	40	12
Mv. Olympic	1	5	14	9	34	7

DIV. 2, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	15	5	2	57	20	35
Revesby	11	8	3	41	30	30
Blacktown	12	5	5	35	25	29
Polonia	11	7	4	45	34	29
Uni. of NSW	11	1	10	46	42	23
Belmore	7	8	7	32	28	22
Queens Park	10	2	10	42	53	22
NS-Inter	7	5	9	35	41	21
Warringah	7	4	11	26	29	18
Gladesville	4	5	13	29	60	13
Guildford	5	2	15	39	54	12
Marrickville	3	4	15	28	62	10

DIV. 2, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	17	4	1	62	21	38
Uni. of NSW	17	3	2	58	20	37
Belmore	12	4	6	45	27	28
Gladesville	11	5	6	54	29	27
Revesby	12	3	6	38	26	27
Polonia	8	6	8	39	32	22
Blacktown	9	4	9	41	37	22
NS-Inter	7	5	10	37	41	19
Marrickville	5	5	12	33	68	15
Guildford	2	7	13	25	49	11
Warringah	3	3	16	25	58	9
Queens Park	2	3	16	20	68	7

DIV. 2, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	16	4	2	64	14	36
Gladesville	16	2	3	50	13	34
Blacktown	15	4	3	56	20	34
Warringah	14	6	2	37	17	34
Ku-ring-gai	15	1	6	48	22	31
Revesby	10	3	9	44	28	23
Guildford	8	2	12	38	34	17
Polonia	6	5	11	32	44	18
Queens Park	5	3	14	28	51	13
Uni. of NSW	4	3	15	22	68	11
NS-Inter	5	1	16	22	49	11
Marrickville	—	1	20	10	94	1

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	14	6	2	48	18	34
Ashcroft	12	6	4	38	25	30
Sydney Uni.	13	3	6	47	35	29
Campbelltown	9	9	4	38	26	27
Greenwich	10	6	6	36	30	26
Hurstville	9	5	8	45	45	23
Ryde	7	7	8	39	35	21
Nth. Bankstown	8	5	9	32	36	21
Artarmon	7	6	9	37	41	20
Padstow	7	2	13	39	52	16
Fairfield	3	4	15	19	37	10
Holroyd	2	3	17	25	61	7

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow	17	3	2	64	22	37
Baulkham Hills	14	4	4	60	19	32
Campbelltown	12	4	6	40	30	28
Ashcroft	10	7	5	44	29	27
Ryde	10	5	7	37	36	24
Artarmon	7	8	7	35	40	22
Nth. Bankstown	6	9	7	28	29	21
Fairfield	7	4	11	36	39	18
Hurstville	8	2	12	29	40	18
Greenwich	5	4	13	24	61	14
Sydney Uni.	5	1	16	31	42	11
Holroyd	4	3	15	25	59	11

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	14	2	4	51	22	30
Kingsford	11	5	4	46	30	27
North Ryde	12	2	6	52	39	26
Paddington	10	6	4	33	25	26
Eastwood	7	7	6	33	31	21
Chelsea	9	3	8	32	31	21
Revesby Rovers	8	3	9	43	39	19
North Rocks	5	7	8	31	39	17
Maroubra	7	3	10	30	38	17
Auburn Juniors	4	2	14	30	47	10
Hobartfield	2	2	16	27	67	6

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kingsford	11	5	4	43	25	27
Eastwood	12	2	5	38	26	26
Bonnyrigg	11	3	6	50	31	25
North Rocks	10	5	5	45	29	25
Paddington	12	1	6	37	25	24
North Ryde	8	6	6	36	39	22
Auburn Juniors	8	4	8	36	25	20
Revesby Rovers	7	3	10	32	39	17
Hobartfield	5	3	12	28	53	13
Chelsea	4	2	14	32	58	10
Maroubra	3	2	15	30	57	8

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastern Creek	15	7	—	68	17	37
West Holroyd	15	5	2	49	17	35
Concordia	13	4	5	45	34	30
Pagewood	11	6	5	39	27	28
Fairfield West	10	5	7	55	43	25
W. St. George	7	9	6	53	49	23
Macquarie Uni.	7	4	11	38	45	18
Camden	6	5	11	36	54	17
Prospect	5	6	11	36	41	16
Canley Heights	4	5	13	36	58	13
Hawkesbury	5	3	14	25	49	13
Green Valley	3	3	16	33	79	9

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairfield West	18	1	2	62	23	37
Eastern Creek	14	4	4	52	27	32
W. St. George	14	3	5	53	34	31
Prospect	14	1	7	47	37	29
West Holroyd	11	3	8	35	25	25
Macquarie Uni.	10	2	10	44	39	22
Camden	9	4	9	35	43	22
Concordia	6	4	12	24	36	16
Camden	7	1	14	31	46	15
Hawkesbury	4	4	14	25	44	12
Green Valley	5	1	15	35	37	11
Pagewood	3	4	15	26	58	10

DIV. 7, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Edensor Park	16	5	1	60	23	37
Chullara	14	3	5	63	30	31
Maccabi	13	5	4	58	30	31
Southern Dists.	12	4	6	58	37	28
Bankstown Sp.	10	7	5	74	41	27
Moorebank	12	3	7	61	44	27
Liverpool	10	5	7	58	43	25
Lakemba	7	6	9	40	39	20
South Sydney	3	5	14	23	54	11
Greystones	5	1	16	25	74	11
Mt. Pritchard	5	—	17	32	69	10
Emu Plains	3	—	19	20	88	6

DIV. 7, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maccabi	16	4	2	61	23	36
Chullara	15	5	2	77	32	35
Moorebank	14	5	3	52	29	33
Edensor Park	12	4	6	59	38	28
Liverpool	10	7	5	40	25	27
Greystones	8	8	6	37	27	24
Southern Dists.	9	5	8	53	33	23
Bankstown Sp.	9	1	12	39	49	19
Lakemba	6	2	14	28	43	14
Mt. Pritchard	5	5	12	29	54	13
Emu Plains	1	5	16	15	63	7
South Sydney	—	3	19	8	82	3

GUILDFORD ESCAPES, M'VILLE GOES DOWN

Marrickville will be the team to be relegated next season after Guildford's superb effort in beating Blacktown in their last game on Sunday.

With the season ending, the semis will be played this weekend with Ku-ring-gai and Blacktown clashing at Parklands and Polonia and Revesby at Francis Park.

The second division final will be played the following weekend at Chapin Park.

Last weekend's highlights:

POLONIA v KU-RING-GAI 1-0
Polonia had to produce their best football to beat second division champions Ku-ring-gai.

It was a good hard game but Ku-ring-gai seemed relaxed after winning the championship for the year.

On the other hand Polonia finished with a whirlwind run, picking up four points in two matches this weekend.

— By Charles Spiteri —

Anito Budini scored the all important goal in the 75th minute from a pass by Andrej Pietrzyk.

Polonia: Greenfield, Pesa, Zounis, Lawson, Szigel, Pietrzyk, Wisniewski, R. Budini, A. Budini (1), Strzelecki, Fisher.

Ku-ring-gai: Ellis, Turner, S. Robertson, A. Robertson, Kinsey, West (Lee), Warton, King, Smith, Reeves.

WARRINGAH v REVESBY 0-2

Revesby dictated most of play to win and finish in second place behind Ku-ring-gai.

Graham Thorpe, who had a tremendous game for Revesby, laid on both goals, one in each half.

In the 26th minute he beat the defence before passing to Greg Gill, who made no mistake.

After the interval he repeated the performance, this time passing the ball



Monaro, Division Two semi-finalists.

to Lyle Pittman, who hammered the ball home from close range.

Pittman had a very strong game in the defence and Mick Trotter was the best player in the Warringah side.

Warringah: Poulton, A. Bailey (Sedovic), Pointer, Duncan, Morris, Trotter, Jeffers, Dean, Sheaves, Diebold, T. Bailey.

Revesby: Pearce, Adams, Keith Thorpe, Copas, Pittman (1), Byles, Patterson, Watson, Gill (1), Ken Thorpe, G. Thorpe.

GLADESVILLE v NORTH SYDNEY 1-3

Norths finished the season with a convincing win over the struggling Gladesville.

Brad Mitchell gave Norths the lead in the 30th minute and led by this goal at half time.

Gladesville equalised 15 minutes after the interval but Norths continued to dominate the game and Bobby Goose broke away to give them the lead and with 10 minutes to go Robert Yousiph scored with a header.

North Sydney: Mikolajczyk, Schilero, Denaro, Richards, Henderson, Mitchell (1), Goose (1), Yousiph (1), Milten, Travato (Carriari), O'Rourke (Palotto).

STATE LEAGUE

MV. OLYMPIC — MANLY 0-2 (0-1)

It only took a few minutes of close, exciting football for Manly to score the goal that put the shutters up on Olympic's 78 prospects. In the 11th minute Manly's young sweeper John Dick blasted a freekick against the wall, and the deflection went in with goalkeeper Ali El Zein out of position. After 30 minutes schoolboy star Peter Katholos came on for Olympic and, although he put more bite and sparkle into the attack, he lacked support. Their best chance was in the 20th minute when Peter Balafas let fly with a low 10-metre shot which Chris Cassettari saved on the dive. With 10 minutes remaining Joe Nawalu got a

break inside the penalty area. Ron Geekie's chip shot was punched out by a defender and Bob Geoghegan netted the resultant penalty.
MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 4, Koble 3, Sheldrick 3, Penman 3, Xipolitis 3, Thompson 3, Balafas 3, Bosganos 2 (Katholos 30m, 4), Nezeritis 2, Hignett 2 (Parasketas 65m), Brown 3.
MANLY: Cassettari 4, Gosling 3, Stocks 3, Doyle 3, Dick 4, Geoghegan 3, Banks 4, Roozendaal 3 (McVeigh 88m), Nawalu 3 (Jay 88m, 3), Geekie 4, Stuart 4.
Goals: 0-1 Dick (11m) 0-2 Geoghegan pen. (80m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 250.

—S. MUTIMER

YUGAL — BANKSTOWN 2-2 (2-1)

Bankstown came from behind to equalise in a game that was highlighted by a three-goal burst in two minutes. The first half resulted in little control by either team as a swirling wind came over the open Concord Oval. Yugal's Sam Gallifuoco scored first for Yugal in the 40th minute, but within a minute Chris Rootsey's pass to Bobby Usher was bent across the goal and through Mandrides' hands for a goal. Then in the 42nd minute a screamer from Pat Rodas put Yugal ahead. Over the last few minutes Dave Tansey got a placement past the keeper for a 2-2 result. Best for Bankstown was

Morrison, and for Yugal Trkulja and Cuk.

YUGAL: Mandrides 3, Magerovski 2, Trkulja 4, Prgomelja 3, Navakovic 2, Cuk 4, Mihajlovic 3, Stanenkovits 2 (Rodas 30m), Gallifuoco 3 (Begovic 62m), Tanovski 3, Sedorovic 3.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 3, Thompson 2, Morrison 5, Lynch 3, Trusty 3, Rootsey 4, Angelopoulos 4, Usher 3, Peck 2, Daley 3, Tansley 4.
Goals: 1-0 Gallifuoco (40m), 1-1 Usher (41m), 2-1 Rodas (42m), 2-2 Tansley (86m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 552.

—D. MORRISON

MELITA — ARNCLIFFE 1-0 (0-0)

Melita left its supporters hanging in suspense before finally they got a deserved winning goal only three minutes from the end. The Eagles could well have won by four goals but the bounce of the ball was against them and their shots were either brilliantly saved by Norm Rogers or cleared off the line by the Arncliffe defenders. Against the stiff breeze, Melita was right on top in the first half but nothing they could do produced any goals despite top performances by Brian Parker and Cal McAusland who had Arncliffe in all sorts of troubles. After the interval, Arncliffe, instead of collapsing as everyone expected, took the game to the Eagles and both Steve Blackburn and Dave Baker missed golden chances that could have given

them the two life-saving points. With the seconds ticking away, Arncliffe momentarily lost concentration and the experienced Melita, who never lost its cool, took on the chance to ensure they keep in the race for the semi-finals.

MELITA: Bracklow 4, McPherson 4 (Yonan 73m), Hernandez 4, Yamine 4, Nikas 3, Darvill 4, Parker 4, McAusland 4, Jones 3, Ikonamou 3, McGovern 3 (Drossos HT).

ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 4, Butler 4, Warner 3, Smart 4, Hall 4, Martin 4, Baker 3, Bankhead 3, Muskovits 2, Blackburn 2, Brizuela 3.

Goals: 1-0 Ikonamou (87m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 1245.

—C. SPITERI

SUTHERLAND — GRANVILLE 1-0 (0-0)

The game became a contest between the Shire forwards and Barry Hoare in Granville's goal within minutes of the kick-off. Hoare was tremendous, making at least six unbelievable saves. Granville showed little in attack, and any signs of life were soon put out by Keith Schumann and Vic Dalforno. Jim Heron missed a sitter in the 50th minute which could have given Granville a shock lead, but 10 minutes later Craig Hall grabbed the points with a goal from close range after good work by Jim Bosterfield and Peter Beggs. After that only the superb

Hoare and many clearances off the goal-line kept the ball out of the Granville net.

SUTHERLAND: Croggs 3, Hesford 3, Wykes 3, Watkiss 3, Dal Forno 3, Schumann 5, C. Hall 4, Meades 2, Beggs 3, Bosterfield 4, Harrington 3.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 6, Barron 3, Bigland 4, Selfridge 3, Lackey 3, Barker 5, Haydec 2 (Abbott 67m), Bates 2, Heron 3, Fraser 3, Waldan 3.
Goal: 1-0 Hall (60m). **Referee:** W. Phelps. **Crowd:** 527.

—R. DEWICK

TOONGABBIE — AUBURN 2-1 (2-0)

Auburn received a severe setback to their faint final four hopes when they surrendered both points to Toongabbie, who showed far greater superiority than the scoreline suggested. For Auburn only McDonald and Tracey looked dangerous. Pollard opened the scoring with a strong run down the right followed by a perfect chip over goalkeeper Ron Gisborne's head. There was almost another goal but Terry Bertram did well to head Neil Taylor's shot off the line. In the 49th minute Carlos Ortega's low, hard shot was a winner following Jim Izott's

pass. Auburn managed a late rally when David Peters scored from a 35-metre drive.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Taylor 4, Gerlo 4, Pena 3, Parkhouse 4, Hamazabal 4, Oldham 3, Pollard 3, Izott 3, Ortega 4, Stewart 3 (Miller 70m).

AUBURN: Gisborne 3, Cornett 2, Peters 3, Bertram 3, Fairclough 3, McDonald 4, Stevenson 3, Sidney 3, Tilt 2, J. Bielby 2 (Hoysted 64m), Tracey 4.
Goals: 1-0 Pollard (12m), 2-0 Ortega (49m), 2-1 Peters (79m). **Referee:** G. King. **Crowd:** 305.

—G. STREETER

APIA — CROATIA 2-1 (2-0)

APIA's plan to blot out Atti Abonyi paid off well during the first half. 16-year-old Jim Bottalico, in his first senior match, contributed efficiently to the defence. Bob Fryer scored both the APIA goals. For the first John Doyle made a spectacular run, crossing to Terry Butler, whose pass was headed in by Fryer from two metres. The second goal came in the 37th minute with Fryer heading into an open goal. Abonyi was free for the first time in the match in the 59th minute and he headed in from Ian Stone's cross. Two minutes later Stone missed the easiest of chances when his hurried shot went wide. After Abonyi's

goal APIA went to pieces and Croatia seemed certain to draw level, but fortunately for them they managed to recover their composure.

APIA: Fraser 3, Pullen 3, McMillan 3, Bottalico 4, McGinn 3, Lindsay 3, Fryer 4, Carruthers 3, Doyle 4, Butler 5 (Link 87m), Griffith 3.

CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 3, Cagaj 3, Mullen 3, Smith 3, J. Russell 3, Coleman 3, Stone 4, Abonyi 3, Kovacic 4, Sullivan 3.

Goals: 1-0 Fryer (10m), 2-0 Fryer (37m), 2-1 Abonyi (59m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 2682.

—E. DE MESQUITA

MONARO — AVALA 3-0

Because of the Telecom dispute, we were unable to make telephone connection with Canberra to obtain

the details of the Monaro v Avala match. Hopefully, we will be able to publish this next week.

NSW FED. JUNIORS

UNDER 14	W	D	L	F	A	P	UNDER 16	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Suburbs	20	3	1	89	18	43	Sydney Olympic	6	6	2	45	14	34
Toongabbie	19	3	1	81	13	41	Monaro	13	7	2	38	11	34
APIA	16	4	3	71	21	36	Bankstown	12	5	3	53	22	29
Sydney Olympic	13	7	4	51	21	33	APIA	10	9	2	38	14	29
Marconi	11	7	6	67	35	29	Auburn	12	3	4	39	14	27
Blacktown	10	7	6	52	23	27	Western Suburbs	10	4	8	48	26	24
Marrickville	9	4	9	52	30	22	Belmore	7	8	7	26	26	22
Auburn	9	2	10	54	47	20	Guildford	6	5	11	35	53	17
Hakoah	8	—	14	40	57	16	Hakoah	4	8	9	27	33	16
Belmore	3	7	14	25	60	13	Toongabbie	5	3	12	25	45	13
Melita	3	2	18	18	110	8	Blacktown	1	5	14	11	52	7
Bankstown	3	1	18	13	68	7	Melita	—	1	20	12	87	1
Guildford	1	1	21	7	117	3							
UNDER 15	W	D	L	F	A	P	LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS	U14	U15	U16			
APIA	17	3	1	82	9	37	Auburn v Blacktown	1-3	1-2	2-0			
Western Suburbs	16	3	3	109	18	35	Toongabbie v Hakoah	7-0	Bye	1-5			
Belmore	15	5	2	56	20	35	Marrickville v Bankstown	10-0	1-4	Bye			
Marconi	15	2	5	102	19	32	Syd Olympic v Guildford	3-0	2-0	5-1			
Guildford	14	3	4	47	20	31	Western Suburbs v APIA	4-1	5-0	4-0			
Bankstown	9	1	10	44	43	19	Belmore v Melita	3-0	1-2	1-1			
Blacktown	6	3	12	22	46	15	Auburn v Hakoah	6-2	Bye	2-1			
Sydney Olympic	6	3	12	26	57	15	Marconi v Syd Olympic	2-2	3-0	0-0			
Auburn	6	2	12	29	51	14	Bankstown v Blacktown	0-2	2-0	5-1			
Toongabbie	4	4	13	12	59	12							
Marrickville	1	3	17	16	88	5							
Melita	1	2	18	13	128	4							

Truant Eagle may regain his wings

There's new joy in the Melita camp. Mid-season blues have vanished, and coach Raul Blanco has a team which is certainly "foreman material".

In fourth place, they have three points and a match in hand over both APIA and Auburn.

The Eagles' final games are against Bankstown, Yugal, Croatia and Monaro.

This week there is the possibility that Blanco will bring Joe Farugia into first team calculations.

They have the chance to increase their tally at Bankstown's expense, although the Towns themselves are desperate for points in a bid to avoid relegation.

TOONGABBIE v MARRICKVILLE

Both clubs face double-weekend matches, following rescheduling of this deferred game to Saturday at Gurraveen.

Toongabbie certainly look the sharper at present, but Mol O'Neill's men face up to an Olympic defence that is generally stable.

At top form Steve Koble, Allan Sheldrick, Norm Penman and Harry Xipolitis can be quite a disciplined back line unit.

The South American contingent look the part at present for Toongabbie. They should play a big part in what could well be a Toongabbie win.

AVALA v APIA

APIA should have a strong chance of a win in this Saturday encounter at Mona Park.

They have not yet seen the best of goalkeeper Mike Fraser, who has not yet reached a peak following his return from West Germany.

Avala, in spite of consistent scoring and solid defence, are achieving below original expectations.

APIA have a definite advantage in skills, and it would not surprise to see Terry Butler running well to dominate the midfield and leave Avala trailing at the end.

GRANVILLE v MARRICKVILLE

Both teams were losers last week.

Granville appear to have the job in front of them as Billy Fraser is not at his best at the moment, and they certainly need his promptings.

It is up to Olympic to gain some of the shine that faded against Manly last week.

It can be expected that Peter Katholos will give a sound display now that he is settling back following the American tour.

A very hard game should ensue, but with home ground advantage the Magpies might fly in for a draw.

ARNCLIFFE v SUTHERLAND

Kaz Kulak has worked wonders with the Scots, who have signed him on an extended contract.

STAR BORN AT DUBBO?

Dubbo in the Central West could have its first Philips League player in a few years time.

According to coaching expert Andy Clues, NSW junior midfielder, Frank Stanmore is right in that class.

Clues is happy with the growing standard of country soccer youngsters.

Recently in the NSW primary schools championship in Sydney he was surprised to see a lad he had coached at Yenda, way out in the Riverina.

He contends that a big flaw will surely come if Operation Snowball continues on its merry way in the country areas.

Clues also recently coached schoolboys from State and Catholic schools for a week at Coonamble.

He was also involved with Eric Worthington and Mike Laing in coaching courses at the Australian College of Physical Education at Croydon.

Forty men and women were on the course, and they included a number of currently prominent Rugby League and Union players.

During the closed season he is likely to spend some time in Europe, and the team is sure to benefit from his enthusiasm and his study of the latest trends.

This week the Sutherland team is likely to provide a tremendous hurdle, however, as they are creating more chances than Arncliffe would be inclined to believe.

The game will be played at Barton Park now that Saints have finished their season. It will give some of the PSL regulars the chance to sample State League wares on the excellent Barton Park surface.

MANLY v TOONGABBIE

Last week Toongabbie did what they have so often threatened to do without succeeding, and Auburn felt the brunt.

Their South American contingent is playing well, and they are taking the opportunity to blood one or two new players with 1979 in view.

Manly's appeals to Richard Alagich to return were finally answered, and while few would have tipped them to overthrow Olympic, they did.

This week Manly aim to continue to ride the crest, but the Demons might well win out in a keen encounter.

AUBURN v MONARO

The "semi-final interest" written all over this game was partly obliterated by Auburn's loss to Toongabbie last week.

Both teams have points to prove—especially Inter, who will have eliminated another competitor if they win.

It is at the front that Monaro

are showing out as a "West Adelaide" type team who can collect points when the pressure is on.

Walter Valeri's scoring record is one to be admired and emulated, and he could provide the difference between the teams.

CROATIA v YUGAL

Croatia's crash at the hands of APIA will have given Yugal coach Ilija Takac hopes for a favorable result in spite of Croatia's five-point margin at the top of the competition.

Over the years Yugal have had a run of successes in these matches, but it still would be hard to believe that Andy Mandrides' goal will not get a peppering. Takac has brought in a sprinkling of young players of whom Sam Gallifuoco looks most promising.

Last week Croatia's best man was young Marjan Kovacic, and if Croatia plays off him they should make enough chances to win.

BANKSTOWN v MELITA

Bankstown crept up a point on Arncliffe Scots last week in their bid to avoid the drop from State League although they had to play without brilliant midfielder Neil Williams, who was urgently summoned to work.

John Lembray was out due to knee injury. Coach Roger Bamforth decided not to play him in view of the games ahead, and he is expected to return to the team against Melita.

Melita have the balance to win this one. They are well in the final four due to Auburn's loss last week.

Top soccer is bottom priority

Soccer followers, and I believe Philips Industries as well, should have a grouse over Philips Top Soccer.

In Sydney Amco Cup advertisements have been used with the apparent intention of blanketing out the start of the soccer show.

Why not show a Philips Top Soccer preview just before the start of the Amco Cup or Challenge Cup for Rugby League?

It is something for Channel TEN's management to think over, and there is more to it than that.

Another thing requiring rectification is the lack of prior publicity.

It is surely worthwhile for their big-voiced promotion man to do some pre-session spruiking in prime time.

The O-TEN network have indicated that they came into soccer for its undoubted long-term potential.

The quality of the session has built up this year until it provides some excellent entertainment, so what about the timing?

This 10.30 pm is very late, and the odd 10.45 pm is ghastly. Can't it be earlier?

Yet another possibility is that sportscaster Ted Ryan does his bit and gives the show and soccer regular mention on the sports news segment.

The Philips League is consolidating, and next year a further strengthening is on the way.

Several clubs are negotiating with top-class, crowd pleasing overseas stars for 1979.

Then there is AC Milan's Pierino Prati, and Arsenal's winger George Armstrong.

There will be further potential for the session in other major towns as soccer interest grows with the expanded State Leagues of Northern NSW and Queensland.

What about it, Channel TEN?

—K.G.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

—By Keith Gilmore—



Ian Stone, Croatia

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ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

FIRST DIVISION

Toongabbie v Mv. Olympic	Girraween
Avala v APIA	Mona Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

FIRST DIVISION

Granville v Mv. Olympic	Garside Park
Arncliffe v Sutherland	Barton Park
Manly v Toongabbie	Cromer Park
Auburn v Monaro	Mona Park
Croatia v Yugal	Sportsground
Bankstown v Melita	Soccer Centre

SECOND DIVISION SEMIFINALS

At Francis Park:

Revesby W. v Polonia (1st grade)	3pm
Uni. NSW v Belmore (2nd grade)	1.30pm
Gladesville v Warringah (3rd grade)	11.15am

At Parklands Oval:

Ku-ring-gai v Blacktown (1st grade)	3pm
Ku-ring-gai v Revesby W. (2nd grade)	1.30pm
Belmore v Blacktown (3rd grade)	11.15am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FIRST DIVISION

Arncliffe v Granville	Seymour Shaw
Manly v Sutherland	Cromer Park
Auburn v Mv. Olympic	Garside Park
Avala v Toongabbie	Undecided
Croatia v Monaro	Sportsground
Bankstown v APIA	Soccer Centre
Yugal v Melita	Concord Oval

SECOND DIVISION

Final, at Chapin Park.

SUPPORTS SOCCER

WORLD NEWS



The West German soccer writers have elected their player of the year — and it's Bayern goalie Sepp Maier, for the third time. His previous wins were in 1975 and 1977.

Only Franz Beckenbauer won this distinction more often — four times — between 1966 and 1976.

This was the final order of voting last week:

Sepp Maier, Jurgen Grabowski, Hansi Muller, Paul Breitner, Heinz Flohe, Rolf Russmann, Franz Beckenbauer. . .

Austrians march on

Austria's new manager Karl Stotz has started the arduous task of rebuilding the national team after its excellent World Cup performances.

Several players — Sara, Hickensberger, Pirkner and Kancilla — have announced that they would not be available again for the national side.

Others — Krankl, Welzl, Riedl, Jara, Krieger and Pezzey — play for foreign clubs and cannot always join the squad for trainings.

Still, Stotz is optimistic.

However, he is sorry that he wasn't in Argentina for the World Cup and will now have to consult his predecessor, Helmut Senekowitsch about the team's experience there.

Senekowitsch had to resign because of his frequent clashes with the president of the Association (OEFB), Franz Sekanina.

Austria's first European Championship match will be against Norway in Oslo on August 30 (this week Wednesday).

Stotz is hopeful that at least three of his foreign-based stars, Krankl, Pezzey and Jara, will be available for the match.

Sepp is player of year again



Sepp Maier, the brilliant veteran goalie of Bayern Munchen, his country's best player.

Borussia Monchengladbach have decided to abandon their plans to sign young Danish star Steen Thychosen because the Danish Association insists the boy be released nine times a year for international duty.

The West German Federation is likely to increase the quota on foreigners per team from two to three.

Dettmar Cramer, new coach of Saudi Arabian club Ittihad of Jeddah, is preparing for the season in a training camp — in Austria.

Dutch international star Muhren is likely to join Ipswich Town, shortly.

Valencia, Mario Kempes' Spanish club, is touring Argentina. In their first match they surprisingly drew with second division Belgrano then beat Rosario Central 3-0.

Monaco (France) beat Rumania's Steaua 3-0 in the first leg of the UEFA qualification round for the right to start among the 32 teams.

The younger brother of Mario Kempes has also landed in Spain, with second division club Castellon. He was recommended to them by Mario. "He's most talented and I'd like to help him get established," the Mundial star said.

Micky Zivaljevic, FC Nurnberg's Yugoslav star, has received a lucrative offer from the English Southampton.

Atletico Bilbao won an international tournament — in Bilbao — from Eindhoven, River Plate and Belenenses.

The Austrian season started off on a stormy note: in the Vienna-Innsbruck match three players were sent off and four cautioned.

West Germany's latest goalkeeper sensation is Dortmund's Eike Immel — 17.

LAST FOREIGNER LEAVES ITALY

The Roman club Lazio has placed on the transfer list Sergio Clerici — the last of the foreign stars surviving in Italy.

Clerici, 37, is a Brazilian who has played a remarkable 476 matches with Lecce, Bologna, Atalanta, Verona, Fiorentina, Napoli and finally Lazio during his Italian career.

He has now signed for a Canadian club — and with his departure Italy's soccer has become 100 per cent "pure".

It was in 1965 that the Italian Federation banned foreign players but allowed those already there to stay.

At that stage there were 35 of them. Clerici lasted the longest. This means that during the current championship all players will be Italians.

But this pureness will last only one year . . .

As from the end of 1979, in accordance with an agreement involving the Common Market countries, foreign players will have to be admitted on a limited scale in the lands of all the nine signatories, including Italy.

Japan wants Berti

The Japanese Association has offered a three-year coaching contract to Berti Vogts, West Germany's 96-time international, now recovering from a double fracture of the leg.

However, Berti has declined: he is waiting for a position as coach of the German national youth team.

Last week he left the hospital and in another four weeks he will have the plaster taken off his leg.

While in hospital, he received the first get-well card and flowers — from the Italian national team.

"What a charming surprise," said Vogts. "After the many bruising battles we have had."

Ferencvaros won the Hungarian Cup, having beaten Ujpest in the semifinal and Pecs MSC in the final. In the final they played with only 10 men after 55 minutes when Tibor Nyilosi was sent off — as he was in Argentina during the World Cup.

Eusebio has scored his 1000th goal of his career; it fell for his new team, New Jersey, in the US Pro League.

Poland plays Finland in Helsinki this week (August 30) in a friendly. Their first European Championship match will be against Iceland on September 6 at Reykjavik. From the World Cup team Deyna, Zmuda, Tomaszewski, Kasperczak, Szymanowski and Kostrewa will be missing.

Denmark has caused a surprise by beating Sweden 2-1 in a friendly match at Copenhagen.

The US national team (All-Americans) will undertake a major European tour in September, playing in Iceland, Switzerland, France, West Germany, Belgium, Scotland, Italy and Spain.

Austria's first division will still have only 10 teams — playing three rounds.

The average attendance of Cosmos has been 35,000 over the last two seasons — and the average home gate has been an even better 48,000.

Barcelona owes considerable sums to its ex-coach Rinus Michels, star Neeskens and former ace Cruyff. The three understanding Dutchmen have told the Catalan officials that they can wait for their money — but want a 12 per cent interest added to it because of the deterioration of the Spanish peseta.

Alan Kennedy, Newcastle's brilliant stopper, has been signed by Liverpool.

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